



2023 Advocacy Priorities

Health, Safety and Security

- Safe schools are created when we address facility security, mental health of students and staff, and social/emotional learning.
- Preventative measures, facility and infrastructure needs, critical incident planning, training, response, and recovery efforts are necessary components creating a safe learning environment.
- Trained staff such as School Resource Officers are critical to developing a partnership between homes, schools, and the community.
- Social/emotional and mental health needs of students and staff are essential, including wrap-around services to connect students and staff with appropriate resources.
- Develop, maintain, and support positive school culture and community.

Stable Funding

- Support ECA and RCA adjustments that reflect the cost of providing an education in Teton County.
- State mandates and special education must be fully funded.
- Support efficiencies in the statewide education system that do not compromise the education of public-school students.

Ensure Equitable Opportunities with Appropriate Balance of State/Local Roles and Responsibilities

- Align the basket of goods with the standards. Consider reducing the quantity of standards.
- The impact of new additions to the basket of goods must be balanced with existing priorities. There are costs associated with new requirements. Unfunded additions can result in the reduction or elimination of other programs that students, parents, and communities value.
- Support through federal and state sources, high quality and consistent early childhood care and education. Early childhood care and education is an essential foundation for student academic, social, and emotional success in K-12 education.

Capital Construction

- New housing developments in Teton County pushes the capacity of Jackson Hole High School to the limit. Fund \$21.8 million for a portion of the new facility, shared by voter approved Specific Purpose Excise Tax. New facility creates space availability for career technical education programs and renovates interior spaces into smaller academic classrooms.
- Fund a transportation and facilities center to replace undersized, inefficient, and aged facilities for \$16 million.